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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-32 are pending in the present application of which claims 1, 15, and 27 are independent. Claim 6 is canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

The Office Action mailed June 26, 2006 indicated that claims 1-15 and 17-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly not producing a real life, real world, useful, concrete, and tangible result. However, in a subsequent interview, discussed below, Examiner Bhat and Supervisor Barlow indicated that only claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and that claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-32 are not subject to any rejections.

Applicant Initiated Interview

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Bhat for the courtesies extended during the interview conducted on September 12, 2006. During the interview, independent claims 1, 6, 15, and 27 were discussed. Examiner Bhat informed the Applicants' representative that claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-32 were mistakenly subjected to the 101 rejection discussed below. As such, Examiner Bhat indicated that claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-32 are not subjected to any rejections and that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the features of claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-32.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-32 were mistakenly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention allegedly does not produce a real life, real world, useful, concrete, and

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tangible result.. The Examiner and the Examiner's Supervisor indicated, as set forth above, that this rejection was made in error and, therefore, no longer applies to claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-32.

Independent claim 6 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Independent claim 6 is canceled herein. Therefore, allowance of claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-32 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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